

Application No.: 09/417,767

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 dated November 10, 2004

Reply to the Office Action of July 14, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7 remain pending in the present application. The rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully traversed below.

Examiner's Interview

The Applicant thanks the Examiners for the Interview on October 4, 2004. The technical insight by both the Examiner and the Supervisory Examiner was much appreciated. As noted in the Interview Summary, proposed claim amendments were presented to the Examiner following the Interview, and **agreement was reached**. Those claim amendments are formally presented by this Amendment. As amended, the *current* image signal is compressed using a "specific compression ratio" that is "based on a compression ratio that compresses the *previous* image signal to a target size." This distinguishes over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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